

ASG: Creighton outlines support for campus clubs

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achieve in the coming year. It sets the agenda; it's like planning your class schedule—you can't just say you are going to school and go to classes, you have to plan what you are going to do in hopes of achieving something at the end," remarked Creighton. "In my opinion that is the most important job of the president, because it sets the tone for the year to come."

The president gives up many things to represent the student body.

"The president has his/her work cut out for them. It is a very time consuming position and it will take precedence over a lot of things that they will want to do," according to Creighton.

The vice president sits on the Foundation Board, which is responsible for all the school's scholarship money and fundraising. He or she is expected to be aware of the happenings on campus.

"They (the Foundation) want to hear what is going on with the basketball team or the art depart-

ment and that is what the student liaison—the vice president—does," continued Creighton.

The vice president assists in goal setting and monitors the officers and senators, checking in with them to see if they are getting their projects done and if they need any help.

"Normally the president and vice president are people who have previous leadership experience, so they can help out and provide counsel in some cases for people who are unsure of where to go," said Creighton.

The clubs are another facet of the vice president's office and are part of a two-way communication line.

"The club senator and vice president share the role as the ones to consult regarding club questions, and starting up new clubs," said Creighton.

ASG student services is one

place that clubs can go for appropriation of money.

"You usually have to have a club to get money appropriated. That is why a lot of people start clubs, so they have a vehicle to obtain money for things they want to do. When a club has an idea, they fill out an appropriation form about

what they want to do, exactly how it is going to be done, how it benefits the college and how much money they want," explained Creighton.

A committee of about five people, usually the president or vice president and four other officers and senators, grants the approvals and appropriates money for campus activities.

"We have appropriated money for the big Writers' Club banquet and the Native American Pow Wow, basically anything clubs want. That is the purpose of the general fund, to go back to the stu-

dents," commented Creighton.

"The offices within ASG are, in a way, clubs that are such an integral part of the society in our school in general, that they are big enough to dedicate a whole office to," said Creighton.

Officers change according to the year. This year the officer positions include Childcare, Legislative Affairs, Campus Activities, Community Outreach, Public relations and Student Access.

"The officers have the power to take their office and make it functional and make it integral," stated Creighton.

The officers are selected through an interview process and do not necessarily have to have previous leadership experience. There are two to three senators who work under every officer and assist in various areas. The Senator-at-large positions are for people who want to participate in ASG, but may not have much time available.

"The Senator-at-large either doesn't have as much time to commit as a senator, or they don't have as much knowledge in an area and we like to give them a term or two

to really catch the gist of what their position is really about," explained Creighton.

Each member of ASG is required to attend an ASG meeting once a week and spend at least five hours in the office. They are also expected to spend around 15 additional hours a week devoted to student government work, not in the office, but in general. This work includes going to upcoming events, making posters, posting signs and going to meetings.

"Everyone in ASG is expected to be a representative whenever possible, by going to meetings or by sitting in on different committees as student representatives. The ASG is a representative of the student voice," commented Creighton.

The ASG advisor plays a key part in keeping an eye on everything, helping ASG members grow as leaders, and assisting with goal setting.

"The advisor is definitely not the root of what we do; the root of what we do comes from the students themselves. But he is always there as a resource and a guide," said Creighton.

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Paul Creighton
ASG Vice President

Upcoming Campus Events

International Celebration

Celebrate culture May 3-4

Today from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Flamenco Dance Troupe *Noches de Espana*, German Folk band *Alpine Echoes* and traditional French music sung by *Paige Taylor*

Tomorrow from 12-2 p.m.: in the Gregory Forum 108a, foreign film *The Return of Martin Guerre*.

A true story of a 16th century French peasant who abandons his wife and returns home eight years later. He is a new man now, kinder, gentler, and more loving than before. Could he be an imposter? Winner of 3 French Academy Awards and starring famed French actor Gerard Depardieu.

The International Celebration is free to the public. The Chatino Club will be selling fresh hot tamales today from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for \$1.25 each.

Authors' night

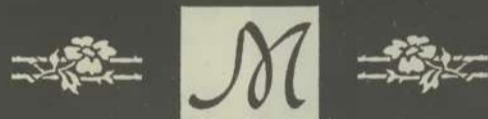
Tonight at 7 p.m. in the Gregory Forum

Six Portland authors, including Clackamas English instructor Kate Gray, will read in honor of National Poetry Month (May). Come for the reading and stay for a question and answer period and book signing. For more info. contact Allen Weiderburg at ext. 2359 or 2284.

Academic Freedom Forum

What have we learned, anyway? Tuesday, May 9, 12-1 p.m. in the Gregory Forum

In the last year Clackamas has faced a number of issues regarding academic freedom. Come join guest panelists: John Keyser, college president; Paul Creighton, ASG vice president; Linda Vogt, advisor of *The Print*; and Nora Brodnicki, Art history instructor. The forum is open to faculty, staff, students and the community. For more info. contact Bill Briare at ext. 2457.



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